

**MINUTES  
North Dakota High School Activities Association  
March 7, 2017, Valley City, ND**

The Board of Directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association held a special board meeting on March 7, 2017 in Valley City. President Rinas called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm.

Members present: Baesler, Rinas, Dahlen, Privratsky, Stedman, Bertsch, Manley

Members absent: Schafer, Sorlie, Vollmer, Carlson

The special meeting was requested by President Rinas in order to discuss legislative activities. The following bills and resolutions were discussed:

- Senate Bill 2249 is a bill to prohibit some convicted felons and individuals with specific restraining orders issued against them from participating in NDHSAA sports and activities. Fetsch indicated an updated bill was published by the ND Legislature and passed on to the Board. There was a House Committee meeting held March 1. Fetsch will notify Board members when the bill comes to a vote in the House. Manley visited with legislators concerning this bill. His legislator indicated there has been work on changing the language on this bill. Fetsch indicated the remaining questions on the bill pertain to clarification on the restraining orders listed.
- House Committee Resolution 3012, a recommendation for NDHSAA to sponsor three divisions of girls and boys basketball and to sponsor 6-man football was defeated in the House.
- House Bill 1275 concerning prayer at public events was discussed. There is a committee hearing tentatively set for March 22. As it is written, it does not change existing procedures in NDHSAA activities. The bill does not include any reference to using a PA system for prayer. The language uses the term "delivery" but does not specify whether that would include using the PA system.

Fetsch notified the Board of the postponement of Region 4, 6 and 8 Boys Basketball tournaments due to weather in the northern and north central portion of the state. All three tournaments are now scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 9, 10, and 11. Postponing these tournaments did not take Board action as the Board has previously granted the NDHSAA office permission to move these tournaments as needed. Fetsch requested discussion by the Board of options for the completion of these tournaments if there were additional weather issues. Consensus of the Board was to move completion of the tournament to Sunday afternoon if additional weather issues are encountered.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2017 in Minot.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Schell  
Assistant Director

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